

# What is Dog Ears?



The Brewer Public Library currently partners with two insured certified therapy dogs and their handlers to facilitate the Dog Ears program. Our volunteers are certified by Therapy Dogs International; TDI members called Tail Waggin' Tutors visit libraries and schools to encourage reading. The friendly listening dog doesn't mind if the reader stumbles over words, but sits quietly and enjoys the story and the reader's companionship, encouraging struggling readers of all ages to practice in a non-judgmental environment. It has been proven that, over time, therapy dog reading programs improve attendees' reading skills and self-confidence.

Comfortable space is provided for our Tail Waggin' Tutor and handler team and the reader. Dogs will be available to listen to readers in 15-minute time slots; appointments are necessary. You may make an appointment one of the following three ways: call the library at 989-7943, email the director at [kconner@brewermaine.gov](mailto:kconner@brewermaine.gov), or stop by the library and sign up at the desk.

For more information on the Brewer Public Library and our programs, visit our website at [www.brewermaine.gov/library](http://www.brewermaine.gov/library) or our Facebook page (*Brewer Public Library*).

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